



# *Etymology of the name “Boris”*

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The first man who is named “Boris”, is kānā (ruler, king) Boris I<sup>st</sup> (852 – 889, †907), the Baptist of Bulgaria. The origin of the name is **Irano-Bulgarian/Ancient-Bulgarian/Proto-Bulgarian** (Proto-Bulgarian is not Türkic – it's an Iranian language): Proto-Indo-European (PIE.) acrostatic noun (N.sg.) \*ból ~ \*bél (Gen.sg.) \*bél-s “a power, a might” + PIE. \*h₂eik-/ \*h₂ilk- “to dominate, to rule” + compositive suff. \*-ó- → \*bel-h₂ilk-ó-s → \*belih₂kós “a master of the power” → {PIE. \*l → Proto-Indo-Iranian (PII.) \*l/\*r} PII. \*barītēás → Proto-Iranian (PIr.) \*barītsáh → Proto-Bulgarian = Irano-Bulgarian (IrBg.) \*bōrīsáh → \*bōrīsá → (accent shift to left) \*bōrīsə → \*bōrīsə → **Bōrīs** – direct etymological cognate is the Old Iranian name **Barīs(σ)ης**, in Elamite recording **Ba-ir-iš-šá** [barisa] ← Old Iranian \*barīsáh.

Alternative etymology: PIE. \*b<sup>h</sup>erh₂-/ \*b<sup>h</sup>r<sub>h</sub>₂- “to move quickly” + suff. \*-u- → \*b<sup>h</sup>erh₂u-/ \*b<sup>h</sup>r<sub>h</sub>₂u- → \*b<sup>h</sup>eru-/ \*b<sup>h</sup>r<sub>u</sub>- ~ \*b<sup>h</sup>eur-/ \*b<sup>h</sup>ur- “to rage, to boil; a storm, a tempest”<sup>1</sup> + PIE. \*h₂eik-/ \*h₂ilk- “to dominate, to rule” + compositive suff. \*-ó- → \*b<sup>h</sup>eur-h₂ilk-ó-s → \*b<sup>h</sup>eurih₂kós “a master of the storm” → PII. \*b<sup>h</sup>aurītēás → PIr. \*baurītsáh → IrBg. \*bōrīsáh → \*bōrīsá → (accent shift to the left) \*bōrīsə → \*bōrīsə → **Bōrīs**.



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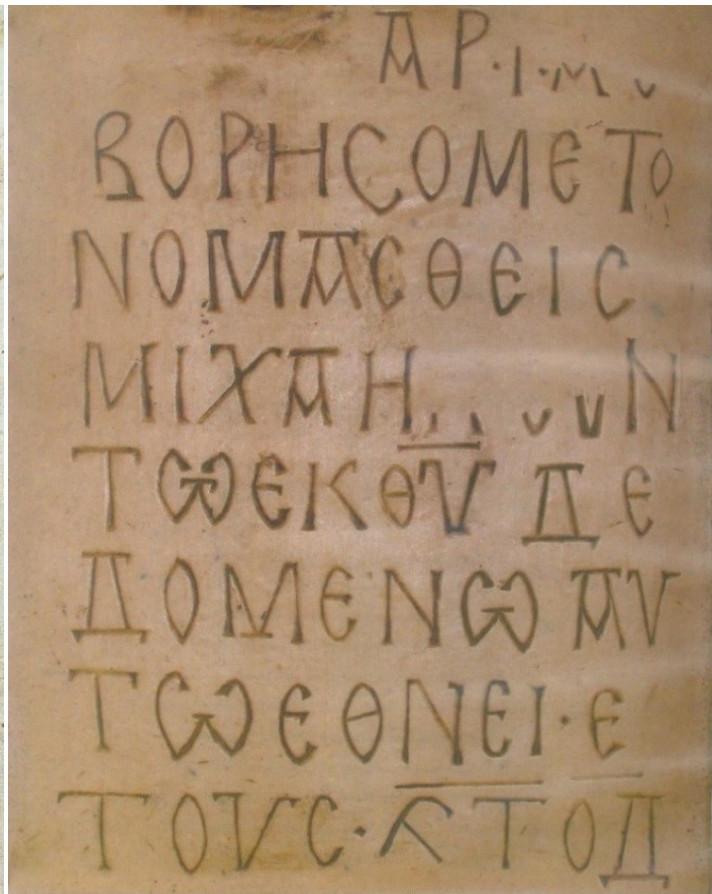
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Kana **Boris I** (852-889, +907)



*Inscription of Balshi (Albania):  
Βορης ο μετονομασθεις Μιχαη[λ] -  
Boris, named (as Christian) Mihail  
(6374 = 865 / 866 A.D.)*



**Bulgaria before the invasion of the Magyars**